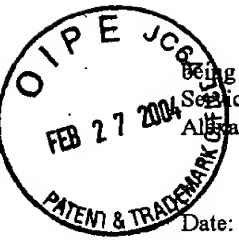


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Applicant: NIHON INTERSYSTEMS CO., LTD.  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Assistant Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action dated January 9, 2004, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

**IN THE DRAWINGS**

Please replace FIG. 1 with the attached amended FIG. 1.

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